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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amendments to the specification below are indicated with insertions underlined (e.g., insertion), and deletions struckthrough or in double brackets (e.g., ~~deletion~~ or [[~~deletion~~]]):

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12 as follows:

Referring to Figure 1, there is illustrated a golf tee 10 approximately 2 and 7/8" in length with an annular top 12 approximately 1/2" in diameter with a concave upper surface for receiving a golf ball. An end portion or[[A]] lower section 14 is smaller in diameter than a standard golf tee. Except for the pointed tip 16, the section 14 is preferably cylindrical and has a diameter of only about 1/8". It is, therefore, easy to insert into the soil. Preferably, that lower section 14 is about 3/4" in length and, hence, there is sufficient length to provide a stable platform in almost any soil.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 19 as follows:

A first portion of the[[The]] body of the tee at the upper edge of the lower section 14 is provided with a plurality of circumferentially spaced, vertically extending ribs 18. The ribs extend radially outwardly about 1/16", and thus the diameter of the cylinder circumscribing the ribs is about 1/4." This is twice that of the lower section. The increased tee cross-section by the lower ends 18a of these ribs can be felt and this provides a "soft stop," that makes it easy to set the tee at the same height quickly and easily. This first stop indicates the maximum height for positioning the golf ball above the ground, which is 2 and 1/8" with the given tee length.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 26 as follows:

Since the cross sectional area produced by the end faces of the ribs is relatively small, the tee is easily further inserted into the soil should the golfer desire the tee upper end to be set at a lower height. In a preferred arrangement, the ribs along a second portion of the body might increase in radial dimension to define a circumscribed cylinder of about 5/16", or 3/8" diameter, to thus provide a second stop 20. The distance between the first and second stops is preferably about 1/2," thus reducing the tee height above the ground to about 1 and 5/8". If desired, additional stops may be provided. Also, should the soil be exceptionally loose or muddy, the soft stops provide a visual mark to accomplish the same result as a sensory stop. An annular ring 22 might provide a more fixed final stop. Thus, this tee provides several methods, visual and sensory, to quickly position a golf ball at a consistent height.